

is connected to the reader 18, the print head 28, and the communication device 30. The CPU 20 is capable of controlling the operation of the reader 18, the print head 28, and the communication device 30 in response to commands from a user. The user enters commands via the user interface 26 which is connected to the CPU 20. The user selects the commands from a menu displayed on the display 24 of the device 10. As seen in Fig. 1, the image transfer device 10 may also include a connector 16 for connecting the device 10, using a suitable cable 36, to a computer 14. The CPU 20, reader 18 or print head 28 of the image transfer device 10 may be connected to the connector 16 to receive and send electronic information to the computer 14. The image transfer device 10 may be connected by a local area network (LAN) 304 to other computers (not shown) and/or other multi-function devices 300. The image transfer device 10 may further communicate with yet other devices 300 using a communication line 302 which may be connected to a public switched telephone network (PSTN) or any other suitable communication network such as a cellular network. The image transferring device 10 may include a computer printer, a copier, a facsimile or an optical scanner capability. In the preferred embodiment, the image transferring device 10 performs as a multi-function device which includes one or more of the aforementioned capabilities. In alternate embodiments the device may have more or less than these four capabilities. When the device 10 is connected to the computer 14, a user may operate the device 10 from the computer terminal to perform one or more of the capabilities of the device 10. Otherwise, the multi-function device 10 is capable of operating as a stand alone device, such as a copier and/or only a facsimile machine. When operating as a copier, the multi-function device 10 may include, for example, image rotation and/or image shift features

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suitable location. Preferably, the SAK 47 may be activated by a special access key operator (SA/KO). Users of the device 10 generally cannot access or activate the SAK 47. Correspondingly, the SAK 47 preferably has a suitable locking device (not shown), such as for example, an electronic, or electromechanical lock, which when locked prevents users from activating the SAK 47. The lock of the SAK may be unlocked by the SA/KO using a suitable device for interfacing with and unlocking the SAK lock such as, an electronic or electromechanical key. The SAK 47 communicates with the CPU 20A to send appropriate signals to the CPU when the SAK 47 is activated, which allows the SA/KO to perform special operations otherwise not available to typical users of the device 10. By way of example, in response to activation of the SAK, the CPU 20A may display, on display 24A, a special menu (not shown) containing one or more operating features which are otherwise not available for display. Such features may allow the SA/KO to access and change some of the program instructions, or structures of programs saved in memory 22A as will be described in greater detail below. In the alternative, the CPU of the device may be programmed to perform one or more operations, such as changing a setting or enabling/disabling a feature of the device, in response to receiving an activation signal from the SAK. In still other alternate embodiments, in lieu of using the SAK, the SA/KO may enter a special access code, such as an alphanumeric sequence, using an alphanumeric keypad of the user interface or a remote communication device in order to command the CPU to perform desired special operations.

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